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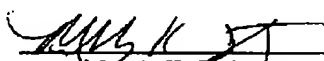
In response to the Office Action mailed on October 10, 2003, requiring a restriction of the claims, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-49).

Applicants also note that a Notice of Abandonment in this case dated February 20, 2004, was erroneously issued by the Examiner. In a conference call on March 11, 2004, Examiner Backer advised Applicants' attorney that he would rescind the Notice of Abandonment upon Applicants' submission of a response to the Restriction Requirement. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner promptly issue a Notice of Rescinded Abandonment indicating that the Notice of Abandonment was issued erroneously, upon receipt of this Response.

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